



## **U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND** ***FACT SHEET***

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### **ARSOF MEMORIAL PLAZA**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The U.S. Army Special Operations Forces Memorial Plaza at Fort Bragg, N.C., was moved in 1994 from the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School to the newly built U.S. Army Special Operations Command headquarters building.

The plaza features a Memorial Wall, a field of Memorial Stones, the Special Forces Statue, a parade field and a statue of legendary special operations Soldier Maj. Richard "Dick" Meadows.



#### **MEMORIAL WALL**

The original plaza, first dedicated in November 1969, was built as a tribute to the more than 550 Special Forces Soldiers who had died up to that time in the Vietnam War. It was the first Vietnam War memorial erected in the United States.

The Memorial Wall originally listed Soldiers killed in action during combat in Vietnam, and was updated in the 1980s to include Soldiers who were missing in action or declared dead. The wall was later expanded to include all Army special operations Soldiers killed in action from 1983 to the present.

Today, the Memorial Wall displays the names of 965 fallen special operations Soldiers.

#### **MEMORIAL STONES**

The Memorial Stones are placed in the plaza between the Memorial Wall and the Special Forces Statue. There are currently 23 stones in the plaza.

The Memorial Stones include: the Office of the Strategic Services Detachment 101 stone, the OSS Maritime Unit & Operational Swimmers stone, the OSS Operational Groups stone, the OSS Jedburghs stone, the Special Operations Association stone, the "Mike Force" stone, the First Special Service Force stone, the Alamo Scouts stone, the Civil Affairs stone, the 75th Ranger Regiment Association stone, the Merrill's Marauders stone, the 75th Ranger Regiment stone, the Ranger Infantry Companies (Airborne) Korea stone, the Psychological Operations stone, the Son Tay Raiders stone, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) stone, the Special Forces Panama stone, the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) stone, the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) stone and the U.S. Army Special Operations Support Command (Airborne) stone.

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